

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 84

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 92

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 84—Relative to California Coastal Protection Week.

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SCR 84, Kehoe. California Coastal Protection Week.

This measure would designate the week of September 8 through September 15, 2012, and the 2nd week of September every year thereafter as California Coastal Protection Week and would urge all Californians to observe that week as California Coastal Protection Week.

WHEREAS, The enduring beauty of the California coastline is an irreplaceable and continuing source of inspiration, transformation, and spiritual renewal that has always been, and continues to be, a magnet for people of all ages, means, and creeds; and

WHEREAS, On November 7, 1972, the voters of California passed Proposition 20, which enacted the California Coastal Zone Conservation Act of 1972, by a majority vote of 55.1 percent; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 20 created the California Coastal Commission as part of the state's first coastal management program for the protection of significant coastal resources and public access; and

WHEREAS, The "Save Our Coast" campaign to pass Proposition 20 was successful despite being outspent by the opponents by a margin of greater than 4:1; and

WHEREAS, The "Save Our Coast" campaign was a true grassroots effort organized by the Coastal Alliance, which grew to a coalition of more than 700 environmental, business, and labor groups led by the late Janet Adams, united by a common goal of saving the California coast for the benefit of future generations; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 20 provided the framework for creating the California Coastal Plan, one of the most ambitious experiments in participatory land use planning ever attempted. More than 6,000 California citizens attended 259 public hearings over the course of three years, providing thousands of hours of public testimony that were condensed into the 161 recommendations to the Legislature embodied in the California Coastal Plan; and

WHEREAS, The Legislature heeded many of those recommendations in the plan, and complied with the voters' mandate to enact a permanent state coastal protection law within four years by passing Senate Bill 1277 of the 1975–76 Regular Session (Chapter 1330 of the Statutes of 1976), which

enacted the California Coastal Act of 1976 (Division 20 (commencing with Section 30000) of the Public Resources Code); and

WHEREAS, California's coastal management program, which is implemented and administered by state agencies including the California Coastal Commission, the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission, and the State Coastal Conservancy, was described as the nation's "flagship" coastal program when it received federal approval in 1977, giving the state critical authority over federal projects such as offshore oil drilling and military activities; and

WHEREAS, Since the passage of Proposition 20, the state has created 2,000 new public accessways, designated over 500 miles of the California Coastal Trail, and protected thousands of acres of beaches, wetlands, woodlands, and dunes from inappropriate development; and

WHEREAS, Since the passage of Proposition 20, the state has prevented any new offshore oil leasing in federal waters and minimized the risk of a catastrophic marine oil spill; and

WHEREAS, Since the passage of Proposition 20, the state has encouraged, supported, and approved adequate amounts of important public infrastructure and energy facilities, and appropriately sited and designed commercial, residential, and visitor-serving development within the coastal zone, as evidenced by the state's \$40 billion coastal economy; and

WHEREAS, California's clean and healthy coastal beaches, bays, bluffs, forests, fens, wetlands, estuaries, and dunes, and the trails, rivers, roads, and communities that connect them, draw over 100 million visitors annually; and

WHEREAS, California residents continue to express their ongoing support for coastal protection through numerous volunteer activities including Coastal Cleanup Day, the largest all-volunteer annual activity in the state; and

WHEREAS, This year, 2012, marks the 40th anniversary of the passage of Proposition 20 and the beginning of statewide coastal protection in California as we have come to know it; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring, That the Legislature designates the week of September 8 through September 15, 2012, and the second week of September every year thereafter as California Coastal Protection Week; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature urges all Californians to observe the week of September 8 through September 15, 2012, as California Coastal Protection Week; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature encourages California public schools to include coastal protection in their outdoor education curriculum whenever possible during the month of September; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature calls upon all Californians to observe California Coastal Protection Week by recognizing the passion, dedication, and commitment to the cause of coastal protection exhibited by ordinary citizens involved in the campaign to pass Proposition 20; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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